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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
FEBRUARY 10, 2009 MEETING

SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

Facilitator: Steve Ricci **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 3, March 31, April 28, June 9,
 Town Hall Annex, First Floor. Trails Day: Saturday, May 9.

Planning for Linear Park:

- Design concept should be ready for Trails Day, May 9.
- Clarissa Rowe et al. to be invited to March 3 meeting.
- Walk-through at 1 a.m. Thursday, April 23, starting at Lake Street end. Invite Clarissa Rowe, John Bean, Mike Rademacher, Cori Beckwith, Brett Loosian (MassHighway), Ralph Cadorette, Dave McCoy.

Trails Day, Saturday, May 9, 9 am – 1 pm.

- Publicity and group contacts: *Arlington Advocate*; Arlington List (Jacob), announcement at Town Meeting (Jane), High School (Steve), Scouts (Dick), Boys & Girls Club (Frank Callahan), Friends of Spy Pond Park and Kelwyn Manor Association (Elizabeth).
- To do: remove trash, brush in unwanted trails, remove invasives including ailanthus on both sides of fence, do some native plantings around bench, review plans for linear park.
- No rain date; bring snacks (don't ask Trader Joe etc. for food donations).

Other:

- **Fertilizer flyer** to be distributed by students in second half of March. To include next Spy Pond meeting dates and announcement of EcoFest on March 28.
- Our **Web presence** needs to be updated. Joey asked the co-chairs for a paragraph on what the committee is doing now (Jane will also include it in the annual Town report). At the next Standing Committee meeting Joey will have instructions for updating the website so that committees can do it directly (e.g. post minutes) without having to go through her.
- **Warrant article:** The Con Com supports it. Park & Rec thought asking for \$25,000 in the present situation was too much, so we will ask for "at least \$15,000" but without putting a figure in the text of the article. We are scheduled to go before the Fin Com on Feb. 25 (*later changed to March 4*). The RFP for weed treatment is to go out soon.
- The **Management Plan** draft was discussed briefly. It is in the format used by the Open Space Committee (its other plans are for land areas) but we have a lot more information and history (previous studies) for Spy Pond – how much should be included and where should it all be kept?